



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 5/20/21

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 5/20/21

Time: 2:13 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: Morse Rd. & Cleveland Ave.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 210351990

Cruiser District: 184

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Incident Summary: On 5/20/21 at approximately 2:13 AM, Javier Melendez, 39, of Worthington, OH was traveling westbound on Morse Rd. west of Cleveland Ave. in his 2007 Kia Sedona when John Doe, a pedestrian, was attempting to cross Morse Rd. northbound, outside the marked crosswalks, walking into the path of the Kia. Mr. Doe was struck by the Kia and came to rest in the north bicycle lane of Morse Rd. An independent witness stated the Kia had a green light when it came through the intersection, but left the scene of the crash. Mr. Doe was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:21 AM by Clinton Twsp. Medic 61. Both the Kia and the driver, Javier Melendez, were located by officers at Morse Rd. at Tamarack Blvd. and Mr. Melendez was arrested.

The identity of John Doe is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

This is the 32nd traffic related fatality in the city of Columbus in 2021.

This is an ongoing investigation.

Update John Doe has now been identified as Hassan Sharif Muhiddin, 36 years old, of Columbus, Ohio.

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